

time I visited the communities of Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Evansdale, Gilbertville, La Porte City, New Hartford, Waverly, Greene, Shell Rock, Clarksville, Independence, Elkador, Anamosa, Olin, Oxford Junction, Stone City, Clermont, Davenport, Buffalo and more.

In addition, we met with the director of FEMA, the governor, both senators, the acting administrator of the Small Business Administration to address these needs, but acting in Congress will not get funds to the people who need it in Iowa unless administration officials do their jobs and start freeing up money that needs to get in the hands of the people who need it.

To give you some idea of what I am talking about, in FEMA alone as part of that \$2.65 billion package we passed in June, \$897 million in FEMA disaster relief funding was allocated. On July 1, 2008, FEMA's disaster relief fund had a total of almost \$4 billion in undistributed funds. That's the most recent disaster relief report available from FEMA.

As of right now, FEMA has only given away a little over \$500 million to Iowa and has in its possession billions of dollars of undistributed disaster relief funds which need to get to the people in need, in addition to the new people in crisis in the gulf coast.

Now let's talk about the Community Development Block Grant. Of that \$2.65 billion package in June, \$300 million was allocated for CDBG funding, and the importance of that is it gets it into the hands of local officials who can target and set up criteria to make the most direct impact in their communities. None of that \$300 million in CDBG funding that we passed more than 2 months ago is currently in the hands of Iowans in crisis.

Then let's talk about the Economic Development Administration also known as the EDA. Of that \$2.65 billion package, nearly \$100 million was allocated for EDA funding, and none of that \$100 million in funding passed 2 months ago is currently in the hands of Iowans in need.

In addition there may be additional delays with the distribution of other funds in that \$2.6 billion package, including \$606 million for the Army Corps of Engineers, \$267 million for the Small Business Administration disaster loans, and \$480 million for agricultural assistance. And until the crop harvest is completed and we know the true extent of the impact on agriculture in Iowa and other midwestern States, the extent of those damages is unknown.

But we do know this: the disaster season in the United States continues. And as we continue as a Federal Government to respond to the needs of U.S. citizens in crisis, it is incumbent upon every Member of Congress, no matter where they live, to recognize the fact that we are at our best when we respond to these needs with the heartfelt response that Americans expect in their time of crisis. That's why I call upon the Speaker, Minority Leader

BOEHNER and every Member of this body to come together next week in the spirit of harmony and the spirit of goodwill to do what is necessary to address the needs of Iowans who have felt the brunt of this disaster in ways they have never felt before, the needs of other people in the midwest, the southeast, the southwest and the gulf coast, to respond to them and make sure that their needs are being addressed so they finally have faith that their Federal Government is there for them when they need it.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CONYERS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today until 4 p.m.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for September 15 through 18 on account of business in district related to Hurricane Ike.

Mr. BRADY of Texas (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for September 17 and today on account of Hurricane Ike recovery efforts in the district.

Mr. DREIER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of the death of his mother.

Mr. NUNES (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 4 p.m. on account of attending a funeral in his district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. REYES) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WAMP) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, September 24.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 24.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 22, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8465. A letter from the Director, Policy Issuances Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Availability of Lists of Retail Consignees during Meat or Poultry Product Recalls [FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2005-0028] (RIN: 0583-AD10) received August 4, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8466. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Item Identification and Valuation Clause Update [DFARS Case 2007-D007] (RIN: 0750-AF73) received August 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8467. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Ship Critical Safety Items [DFARS Case 2007-D016] (RIN: 0750-AF86) received August 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8468. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Competition Requirements for Purchases from Federal Prison Industries [DFARS Case 2008-D015] (RIN: 0750-AG03) received August 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8469. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements — New Thresholds [DFARS Case 2007-D023] (RIN: 0750-AF89) received August 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8470. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received September 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8471. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-8035] received September 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8472. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received September 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8473. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, FDIC, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Financial Education Programs That Include the Provision of Bank Products and Services (RIN: 3064-AD28) received September 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8474. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — COMMISSION GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF COMPANY WEB SITES [Release Nos. 34-58288, IC-